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The following types of craft are used by the CSPL:¹

- a. The company has about 200 barges (vleena lod) in service. Each is identified by the letter "S" plus the number of the barge. The average distance which a barge can cover, going with the current and without aid of a tugboat, is 20 kms. a day. The barges are capable of carrying from 600 to 1,000 tons of cargo and are manned by a pilot, one or two boatmen, and a sailor.
- b. About five oil burning tugboats (motorova lod) belong to the company. Each tugboat is identified by the letters "ML" and the name of the boat, (ML PRAHA, etc.). The average speed which these boats can attain is about 13 kms. per hour with the current, and about 12 kms. per hour against the current. These boats can carry a cargo of from 350 to 400 tons and can tow one or two barges. The crew consists of a captain, pilot, boatman, machinist, and machinist's mate.
- c. Only two fast steamers (rychloparnik) are in the service of the CSPL. Each is marked by the letters "RP" and the name of the steamer. These craft, which haul cargoes as well as tow other boats, have the same speed and capacity as the tugboats. The crew consists of a captain, pilot, boatman, machinist, and two or three boiler tenders.
- d. Steam-driven tow boats (vleena parniky) are designated by the letters "VP" before the name of the boat. These boats do not carry cargo. They operate at a speed of about 6-8 kms. per hour against the current. The ship crew, which is usually German, is made up of a captain, two pilots, two boatmen, two machinists, and three or four boiler tenders.

1. Comment. The CSPL (Czechoslovak Elbe Navigation Company) and the CSPO (Czechoslovak Oder Navigation Company) have been merged to form the CSPEO (Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Navigation Company).

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